

TRAFFIC LAWS ARE FOR BOATS TOO



Just as we obey Ontario's Highway Traffic Act, so we should respect the Boating Restrictions Regulations. The regulations control boat traffic in the interests of public safety. In some areas, there are speed limits. Other areas ban all boat traffic or power boats alone, or limit horsepower, and provide other controls.

The Ministry of Natural Resources administers these regulations while the Ontario Provincial Police and other local police forces enforce them.

Anyone wishing a copy of the regulations or further information on amendment procedures should contact the Office of Recreational Boating, or their local O.P.P. detachment.

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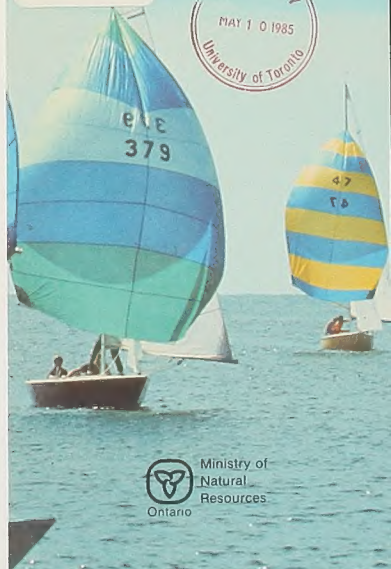
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FUN AND SUN IN ONTARIO'S WATERS

Raise the anchor, hoist the sail, start the engines, and you're ready for boating in beautiful Ontario — a boater's paradise.

The variety and quality of boating experiences are unequalled. We have:

- almost 88,000 square kilometres (34,000 square miles) of the Great Lakes;
- more than a quarter of a million inland lakes — of all sizes;
- thousands of miles of streams and rivers — the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers included;
- the Trent-Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal;
- the Thirty Thousand Islands of Georgian Bay, and,
- the North Channel of Lake Huron — possibly the best cruising area in the world.

More modern marina facilities now dot the waterways of Ontario than ever before. Pleasure craft owners from across the continent appreciate the improved services provided at these marinas, and tourism and other industries have begun booming as a result.

The Ministry of Natural Resource's Office of Recreational Boating provides all the information a boating enthusiast needs — from the Boating Restrictions Regulations to organizations offering boat safety courses. The office is located on the 2nd Floor, Whitney Block, 99 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1W3. (Telephone: (416) 965-7885.)

BILD BOLSTERS BOATING



The provincial Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD), a cabinet committee which is responsible for directing Ontario's economic development policies, is helping pleasure craft owners by supporting major marina developments.

This might involve helping to build first-class marinas or assisting with major expansions of existing ones. In each case, the marina is part of a larger development — with such facilities as restaurants, hotels and condominiums — which all have a significant impact on tourism.

In each case, most of the financing must come from the private sector.

This program is good for all concerned:

- good for the local and provincial economy because of tourism spinoffs;
- good for the boat builders and marine suppliers, and,
- good for the boaters by developing a chain of first-class facilities.

BILD indeed Bolsters Boating.

SAFER BOATING SAVES LIVES



There's something about riding the waves that blows away cares. But if that carefree feeling turns into a careless feeling — the results can be dangerous.

On the average, 100 people die in recreational boating accidents in Ontario each year.

Statistics show that:

- 73 percent of the fatalities occur in small motorboats and canoes;
- 65 per cent of the accidental deaths were caused from capsizing or falling overboard;
- 42 per cent of the victims were consuming alcohol or drugs, and,
- 82 per cent were not wearing life jackets.

How can you help reduce these statistics?

Contact the Office of Recreational Boating for information on boating skills and safety courses being offered throughout the province.